



## Gunpowder Cu





The Official Newsletter of Gunpowder Falls State Park

Summer Youth Programs: Junior Rangers, Park Pals and NEW Sprouts program!

Family Programs Inside Including:

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NATURE PROGRAMS
CANOE EXCURSIONS
And More...

Open Houses at different park locations every first weekend of the month!
Enjoy live animals, crafts and summer program information.

New Maryland Park
Service Pet Policy!!
Policies will be changing this spring for all park areas. Call Park Headquarters or check out our website for more information!

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### STATE PARK TRAIL RUNNING

By Mark Manz, Maryland Conservation Corps

here are countless activities available on the many miles of trails located throughout the various areas of Gunpowder Falls and North Point State Parks. On any pleasant weekend afternoon, one could find people hiking, bird watching, or mountain biking. Another activity some might not immediately consider is trail running. This pastime is growing in popularity—it's good for your health, lots of fun, and gives you an opportunity to see the parks in a whole new way.

Trail running is pretty simple; just pick up the pace on trails you'd normally take slowly on a hike or nature walk. Running along the trails in the park is a great escape from things runners normally deal with. Instead of being stuck on a treadmill inside on a beautiful day, let your legs actually move you forward. Enjoy varying terrain including soft, comfortable hard-packed dirt and crushed gravel. Stop relying on *Eye of the Tiger* to get you through that last mile for the five hundredth time and let the sounds of nature be your play list. Don't



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bore yourself with the same route you always run; run a trail and enjoy everchanging scenery. Steal away to a place where you can breath cleaner air and run for miles without seeing a single automobile; the only obstacles to dodge are rocks, roots, and maybe the occasional wildlife!

Gunpowder Falls State Park and its neighboring parks offer trails for all kinds of preferences. If it's flat and easy you want, explore the mile-long Wetlands Trail or the half-mile Marsh Loop at North Point State Park. The Torrey C. Brown (formerly Northern Central Railroad) trail that stretches for 19.7 miles from Ashland all the way to York, Pennsylvania, is a perfect spot to do long runs on the weekends. In fact, some running clubs in the Baltimore area meet to do just that, and the trail actually hosts a few marathons and half marathons during the year! For the hill-seeker, the many trails in the Hereford or Sweet Air areas offer quad-searing ups and downs.

A few words of advice before you embark on your next high-speed wilderness romp – remember to plan ahead and prepare! For starters, figure out where you're going before you go. Check out trail maps and suggested routes online, or contact your local park office for information on terrain difficulty and distances. Next, invest in a quality pair of trail running shoes. While you can get away with running in your regular trainers on most trails, the extra cushion and grip afforded by trail running

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## Family Programs & Special Events

A NOTE ON PROGRAM REGISTRATION: You may notice that some of the programs below ask that you preregister to participate. This helps us to direct our efforts in ways that best serve you, our guest. If the program you're interested in requires pre-registration, please take a moment to call us at 410-592-2897 and let us know you're coming. This helps to ensure that your program will not be canceled. For park programs, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **APRIL 2010**

- **& 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 Jerusalem Mill Visitor Center and Museum** Gunpowder Falls State Park Headquarters, 1:00 4:00 p.m. View artifacts and exhibits pertinent to the history of this early industrial village which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday. *Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.* 
  - **3, 4, 18 Jerusalem Mill Village General Store** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Open every first weekend of the month and every 3rd Sunday. View the changes that have taken place in the three display rooms. The general store was in operation from the 1830's until 1940 and we currently have a room reflecting some of the highlights of the 1930's time period. *Call: 410-877-0080. Donations welcome.*
- **4.11, 18, 25 Blacksmithing Demonstration -** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Visit us on any Sunday to observe a blacksmith demonstrating both traditional and contemporary techniques in historic Jerusalem Village. *Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.*
- **4, 11, 18, 25 Jerusalem Mill Gunshop -** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Visit us any Sunday to observe the daily activities of 18th century village life: gardening, gunsmithing, hearth cooking, woodworking, etc. Activities vary see website for preview at <a href="https://www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a>. Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.
  - 11 Trail Work Day Location TBA upon registration, 9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m. Come ready to work and assist park staff as we clean and repair sections of our trails. Please dress appropriately wearing long pants, comfortable boots, and work gloves. This is a shine only event. Pre-registration is required. Call to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.
  - **24 Earth Day Clean Up -** TCB Gardens, 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m., meet at Papermill. Attention volunteers! Come on down, help the park put its best foot forward and join in our spring cleaning effort to revamp the gardens of Papermill, White Hall & Freeland. Bring your work gloves, boots, and energy to help get the park ready for summer. *Call: 410-329-6809 for more information*.
  - **24 Earth Day -** North Point State Park, 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m., meet at the Takos Visitor Center. Calling all volunteers! This is your opportunity to contribute to the beautification of the park by sprucing it up and assisting with beach clean-up. North Point Volunteers will be on hand to discuss other volunteer opportunities and provide you with a cool drink. Bring your garden tools, gloves, sturdy footwear and your energy to join in the fun! *Call 410-477-0757 for more information*.
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#### **MAY 2010**

- Latr of Summer Open House Monkton Station, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Stop by the station to see some live animals and create a nature craft. Learn about the exciting programs coming up for the summer! All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required.
- Jerusalem Mill's Victorian Tea & Floral Workshop Jerusalem Mill, 11:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Celebrate spring's arrival and
  Mother's Day by attending our Victorian Tea and Floral Workshop.
  Participants will create a fresh floral arrangement in a china teacup and
  partake of scones, sweets, savories and a variety of teas. Pre-registration
  is required. Limited to twelve participants. The cost of the workshop is
  \$40. To register, please call Andrea at 410-529-8488.
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- **5** 2 Summer Concert Series Jerusalem Mill Meadow; The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us the first Sunday of each month along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner and enjoy a musical performance by *Ken Kolodner and Elke Baker*; folk music featuring the hammered dulcimer and fiddle, beginning at 6:00 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the blacksmith shop. See website for details at <a href="www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a>. *Call: 410-877-3560. Cost: \$5/person, children under 12 admitted free.*
- & Mother's Day Weekend Wildflower Search Monkton Station, All day Open House. Bring your Mom, or Moms bring your children, to accompany park staff as we seek out and identify wildflowers blooming along the Torrey C. Brown Trail. Materials and instruction will be provided to hand-craft a corsage to present to your mother in honor of

her day. Pre-registration is preferred. Cost: \$3/person.

- **& 8, 23 North Point Exploration -** North Point State Park Visitor Center, 1:00-2:00 p.m. This area has so much to offer for nature and history lovers alike! Enjoy an interactive education program with one of our knowledgeable and enthusiastic naturalists at North Point State park, located on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Topics vary every week.
  - **15 Trail Work Day -** Location TBA upon registration. 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Come ready to work and assist park staff as we clean and repair sections of our trails. Please dress appropriately wearing long pants, comfortable boots, and work gloves. This is a shine only event. *Pre-registration is required. Call to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.*
  - **16 Wildlands Hike -** Masemore Road Parking Lot, Hereford Area, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Join park staff for a challenging but scenic hike along the Big Gunpowder River. Look for wildflowers and other wildlife as we explore what this wildland has to offer. Hike includes some steep terrain and is not suitable for young children. This is a shine only event. *Pre-registration is required. Call to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.*
- **5. 29 Squirmy Wormy -** Monkton Station, 10:00-11:00 a.m. or 12:00-1:00 p.m. Choose which session works best for you! Worms may be slimy, but they are a fascinating and vital part of our local environment. Come explore the world of the worm with us! Be ready to dig with us and make a tasty snack! *Pre-registration is required. Call to register.*
- 29, 30, 31 Wandering Wildlife Exhibits Hammerman. Memorial Day Weekend! Keep an eye out as you visit the park this weekend! Naturalists will be moving through our busiest areas with live animals native to your area. You and your family may be lucky enough to meet with them! *No registration required*.

#### **JUNE 2010**

- **2 Bike Through History: Paper Mill -** TCB Trail, Paper Mill Road parking lot, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. Locations for the Wednesday night rides vary. This is a shine only event. *Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.*
- **4 Campfire in the Woods** Sparks, 6:30 7:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Pre-registration is required*.
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  - **5, 6, 20 Jerusalem Mill Village General Store** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Open the first weekend of every month and every 3rd Sunday of the month. View the changes that have taken place in the three display rooms. The general store was in operation from the 1830's until 1940 and we currently have a room reflecting some of the

highlights of the 1930's time period. Call: 410-877-0080. Donations welcome.

- **5 June Open House -** North Point Visitor's Center; 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Stop by the Visitor's Center to see some live animals and create a nature craft. Learn about the exciting programs coming up for the summer! All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration necessary*.
- **5. 5. 20 Wandering Wildlife Exhibits -** Hammerman. Keep an eye out as you visit the park this weekend! Naturalists will be moving through our busiest areas with live animals native to your area. You and your family may be lucky enough to meet with them! *No registration required.* 
  - **5 Owl Prowl/Night Hike** North Point State Park, entrance parking area, 8:00 10:00 p.m. Spend an evening hiking in and near the woods of North Point, searching and listening for the hunters of the night. Learn about these amazing animals with hands-on activities during the program. Quiet is the key to a successful night hike; please plan accordingly when considering the participation of young children. *Preregistration is required. Cost:* \$2/person.
- **& 6, 13, 20, 27 Blacksmithing Demonstration -** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Visit us on any Sunday to observe a blacksmith demonstrating both traditional and contemporary techniques in historic Jerusalem Village. *Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.*
- **6. 6. 13. 20. 27 Jerusalem Mill Gunshop -** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Visit us any Sunday to observe the daily activities of 18th century village life: gardening, gunsmithing, hearth cooking, woodworking, etc. Activities vary see website for preview at <a href="https://www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a>. Open every Sunday. *Call: 410-877-3560*.
- **6 Summer Concert Series -** Jerusalem Mill Meadow, The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us the first Sunday of each month along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner, and enjoy a musical performance by *The Crawdaddies;* blues music combined with roots rock and Americana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the blacksmith shop. See website for details at <a href="https://www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a>. Call: 410-877-3560. Cost: \$5/person, children under 12 admitted free.
  - **9 Bike Through History: Bentley Springs -** TCB Trail, Bentley Springs parking lot, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. *Call: 410-*



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- **5.** 12 Art in the Park Open House Monkton Station. Stop by the station to see some live animals and create a nature craft. Learn about the exciting programs coming up for the summer! Complimentary programs at Monkton Station including nature photography class, photo show, art and craft projects for children & adults. *No registration necessary*.
  - **12, 26 Campfire at the Beach -** Hammerman Area beach, 6:30 7:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Preregistration is required.*
  - **13 Sunset Paddle** Days Cove, 6:30 8:30 p.m. Explore the scenic Days Cove area by canoe and experience the marshlands as they come alive with wildlife activity at dusk. Individuals must be at least 12 years old to participate in this 2.4 mile paddle. *Pre-registration is required. Cost:* \$8/person.
  - **16 Bike Through History: White Hall -** TCB Trail, Wiseburg Road parking lot, 6:30 8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. *Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.*
  - **18 Evening Trail Work Series: Trail Work Day** Location TBA upon registration. 6:00 8:00 p.m. Come ready to work and assist park staff as we clean and repair sections of trail. Please dress appropriately wearing long pants, comfortable boots, and work gloves. This is a shine only event; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Call to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather*.
- **19 Go "Green" for Animals -** Days Cove, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Meet live animals native to our area and get to know them better with one of our naturalists. Then participate in a project to help make the world a little more hospitable to the featured creatures. Take home green ideas to support wildlife and protect the planet. *Pre-registration is required. Cost:* \$2/person.
  - **19 Stream Search -** Sparks Bank Nature Center. 2:00 4:00 p.m. Youth age 6-12 will explore the stream and learn how to use a seine and dip nets. Collect and identify aquatic insects and learn their importance to the health of the stream. Wear clothes and shoes you can get wet and muddy. Bring sunblock and insect repellent. *Pre-registration is required. Donations welcome.*
  - **19 Campfire in the Woods -** North Point, 6:30 7:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Pre-registration is required*.
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- **23 Bike Through History: Freeland -** TCB Trail, Freeland parking lot, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. Locations for the Wednesday night rides vary. This is a shine only event. *Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride. Donations welcome.*
- **26 Gunpowder River Tubing Trip -** TCB Trail, Monkton Station, 12:00 3:00 p.m. Beat the summer heat with a leisurely tubing trip down the Big Gunpowder Falls. Meet at Monkton Station for a 1.8 mile hike up the TCB Trail. Then enjoy the two hour river float back to Monkton Station. Wear sunblock, swimsuits or shorts and sturdy shoes that can get wet. Secure your car keys. Tubes and PFD's are provided. Please arrive early, as parking spaces are at a premium at this location. Participants must be at least 16 years old. This is a shine only event. This trip may be cancelled due to weather; please check for cancellations by calling 410-472-3144 before noon on the day of the trip. Pre-registration is required. Cost: \$5/person.
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  - 10, 11 Gilmor's Raid Jerusalem Mill, 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Sat, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sun. Civil War encampment and Confederate cavalry raid on Jerusalem Mill General Store. Military drills, period crafts and skills demonstrations, live music and other activities throughout the day. See website www.jerusalemmill.org. Call: 410-



Tired of high gas prices, traffic jams and airport delays complicating your precious vacation? Simplify! Choose the Mill Pond Cottage for your next getaway, and leave your troubles behind. Located in the scenic Hereford area of Gunpowder Falls State Park, the Cottage offers true peace and quiet in a private, streamside retreat.

The Mill Pond Cottage sleeps 8 people, and has a full kitchen, central air conditioning and heat, cable television, wood-burning fireplace, screened-in porch and much more! Anglers will love the two-minute walk to one of the best trout fishing areas in the country. A mere thirty-minute drive from Baltimore can make you feel like you're a thousand miles away—without the travel hassles!

We'd love to help you plan your visit. Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897 for information, or to request a full-color brochure. Check us out on the web at:

www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/millpond.html

877-3560 for details. Cost: adults - \$7, ages 10 to 16 - \$5, under 10, seniors and military - \$3.

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- **Lange of Schools Proof.** Point State Park, 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. Catch and release program. Derby starts at 8:30 a.m. with a casting contest at 11:30 p.m. Prizes, trophies, and certificates will be presented after the casting contest. *Call: 410-477-0757 or 410-592-2897. Cost: \$2/person.* 
  - **21 Bike Through History: Phoenix -** TCB Trail, Phoenix parking lot, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for this regular Wednesday evening ride as we explore various segments of the TCB Trail. This ride is approximately 10 miles round-trip. Bring bikes, helmets and water. Bike lights are recommended. This is a shine only event. *Call: 410-472-3144 to check for cancellations due to inclement weather no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the ride.*
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  - **24, 31 Essentials of Canoeing -** 9:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Day 1 at Days Cove, Day 2 on Gunpowder River. Join the park staff on this fantastic two-day canoe program! On Day 1, you will learn the essentials of canoe safety and handling. On Day 2, put your training to use and canoe a section of the upper Gunpowder River in the Hereford Area. Participants must be reasonably fit and able to lift 25 lbs. Bring lunch, water shoes, bug repellant, and a bathing suit. Participants must be 8 years or older and each child must be accompanied by an adult. *Preregistration is required. Cost:* \$30 per person.
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busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Pre-registration is required.* 

#### **AUGUST 2010**

- **6.** 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 Jerusalem Mill Visitor Center and Museum Gunpowder Falls State Park Headquarters, 1:00 4:00 p.m. View artifacts and exhibits pertinent to the history of this early industrial village which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday. *Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.*
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- 4.00 p.m. Visit us any Sunday to observe the daily activities of 18th century village life: gardening, gunsmithing, hearth cooking, woodworking, etc. Activities vary see website for preview at <a href="https://www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a> Open every Sunday. Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.
- **5. 1 Summer Concert Series -** Jerusalem Mill Meadow; The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us the first Sunday of each month along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner, and enjoy a musical performance by *Great Train Robbery* begining at 6:00 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the blacksmith shop. See website for details at <a href="www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a>. *Call: 410-877-3560. Cost: \$5/person, children under 12 admitted free* 
  - **1 Owl Prowl/ Night Hike -** Days Cove, 8:00 10:00 p.m. Spend an evening hiking in and near the woods of Days Cove, searching and listening for the hunters of the night. Learn about these amazing animals with hands-on activities during the program. Quiet is the key to a successful night hike; please plan accordingly when considering the participation of young children. *Pre-registration is required. Cost:* \$2/person.

## All Maryland State Forests and Parks are Trash-Free

In order to promote and encourage recycling, reduction of waste and reuse of our resources, there are no trash barrels in our picnic and beach areas. This also helps protect wildlife from the hazards of getting into our trash. Park visitors are asked to take home what they bring in. Please pack your picnic in reusable containers and help us keep our parks clean.



Remember to reduce, reuse and recycle! Thank you!



- **6 7 Junior Ranger's Summer Camp Out -** Days Cove, 6 p.m on the 6th until 4 p.m. on the 7th. Come spend an educational weekend with our fun and enthusiastic park naturalists to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the outdoors. Activities include campfire, overnight camping, canoeing, hiking, Scales and Tales animals and outdoor survival skills. Families are welcome! Children under 12 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult. *Cost: \$20 per person, which includes all activites, Friday campfire snacks and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required.*
- **7, 8, 22 Jerusalem Mill Village General Store** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. View the changes that have taken place in the three display rooms. The general store was in operation from the 1830's until 1940 and we currently have a room reflecting some of the highlights of the 1930's time period. *Call: 410-877-0080. Donations welcome.*
- **7, 15, 21, 29 Gunpowder River Tubing Trips -** TCB Trail, Monkton Station, 12:00 3:00 p.m. Beat the summer heat with a leisurely tubing trip down the Big Gunpowder Falls. Meet at Monkton Station for a 1.8 mile hike up the TCB Trail. Then enjoy the two hour river float back to Monkton Station. Wear sunblock, swimsuits or shorts and sturdy shoes that can get wet. Secure your car keys. Tubes and PFD's are provided. Please arrive early, as parking spaces are at a premium at this location. Participants must be at least 16 years old. This is a shine only event. *This trip may be cancelled due to weather; please check for cancellations by calling 410-472-3144 before noon on the day of the trip. Pre-registration is required. Cost: \$5/person.*
- **5. 7 August Open House -** Sparks; 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Stop by the station to see some live animals and create a nature craft. Learn about the exciting programs coming in the fall! All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration necessary*.
  - **7, 20 Campfire at the Beach -** Hammerman Area beach, 6:30 7:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Preregistration is required.*
  - **8, 22 Stream Search -** TCB Trail, Sparks Bank Nature Center. 2:00 4:00 p.m. Youths age 6-12 will explore the stream and learn how to use a seine and dip nets. Collect and identify aquatic insects and learn their importance to the health of the stream. Wear clothes and shoes you can get wet and muddy. Bring sunblock and insect repellent. *Preregistration is required. Donations welcome.*
  - **13 Evening Trail Work Series: Trail Work Day** Location TBA upon registration; 6:00 8:00 p.m. Come ready to work and assist park staff as we clean and repair sections of trail. Please dress appropriately wearing layers, comfortable boots, and work gloves. This is a shine only event; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Call to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather*.
- **Let Creepy Critters** Hammerman Area, Ash parking lot, 1:00 2:00 p.m. Are there animals that scare you? Do spiders, snakes, and other creepy crawlies keep you from enjoying the outdoors? Join a naturalist and empower yourself with knowledge and an appreciation for the importance of all living things- helping you overcome your fears! *Preregistration is required.*
- **Let Complete a Contest Artists' Reception -** Monkton Station, from 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy this year's submissions for our annual photo contest featuring the sights of Gunpowder's Torrey C. Brown Rail Trail. Meet the photographers, enjoy refreshments, and

- discover your favorite photos on Saturday August 14th during the artists' reception. Show runs from August 11th August 29th at Monkton Station. Call 410-329-6809 for more information. Rain or shine event.
- **6.** 14, 29 North Point Exploration North Point State Park Visitor Center, 1:00-2:00 p.m. This area has so much to offer for nature and history lovers alike! Enjoy an interactive education program with one of our knowledgeable and enthusiastic naturalists at North Point State park, located on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Topic vary every week. *Other dates available! No registration necessary.*
- **5. 15, 28 Wandering Wildlife Exhibits** Hammerman. Keep an eye out as you visit the park this weekend! Naturalists will be moving through our busiest areas with live animals native to your area. You and your family may be lucky enough to meet with them!
  - **21 Sunset Paddle** Days Cove, 6:30 8:30 p.m. Explore the scenic Days Cove area by canoe and experience the marshlands as they come alive with wildlife activity at dusk. Individuals must be at least 12 years old to participate in this 2.4 mile paddle. *Pre-registration is required. Cost:* \$8/person
  - **27 Campfire in the Woods -** North Point, 6:30 7:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Pre-registration is required.*
  - **27 Evening Trail Work Series: Trail Work Day** Location TBA upon registration; 6:00 8:00 p.m. Come ready to work and assist park staff as we clean and repair sections of trail. Please dress appropriately wearing long pants, comfortable boots, and work gloves. This is a shine only event; children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. *Call to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather*.

Now available: updated map of the Torrey C. Brown Trail! Contact park headquarters at 410-592-2897 for more information.



**28** Campfire in the Woods - Sparks, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bring your chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy S'mores and other fire-roasted snacks on a warm summer night. The whole family can unwind after a busy work week and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the natural and cultural resources in our park. *Pre-registration is required.* 

#### SEPTEMBER 2010

**4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 Jerusalem Mill Visitor Center and Museum** - Gunpowder Falls State Park Headquarters, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. View artifacts and exhibits pertinent to the history of this early industrial village which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Museum is open every Saturday and Sunday. *Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.* 

- **4, 5, 19 Jerusalem Mill Village General Store** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. View the changes that have taken place in the three display rooms. The general store was in operation from the 1830's until 1940 and we currently have a room reflecting some of the highlights of the 1930's time period. *Call: 410-877-0080. Donations welcome.*
- **4 End of Summer Open House -** Monkton Station; 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Stop by the station to see some live animals and create a nature craft. Learn about the exciting programs coming in the fall! All children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. *No registration necessary*.
- 5, 12, 19, 26 Blacksmithing Demonstration Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Visit us on any Sunday to observe a blacksmith demonstrating both traditional and contemporary techniques in historic Jerusalem Village. *Call:* 410-877-3560. *Donations welcome*.
- **5, 12, 19, 26 Jerusalem Mill Gunshop -** Jerusalem Mill, 1:00 4:00 p.m. Visit us any Sunday to observe the daily activities of 18th century village life: gardening, gunsmithing, hearth cooking, woodworking, etc. Activities vary see website for preview at <a href="https://www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a> Open every Sunday. *Call: 410-877-3560. Donations welcome.*
- 5 Summer Concert Series Jerusalem Mill Meadow, The Friends of Jerusalem Mill invite you to join us the first Sunday of each month along the banks of the Little Gunpowder. Bring your folding chair or blanket and picnic dinner, and enjoy a musical performance by *Teachers for Sale*, an acoustic guitar duo playing soul, blues and rock style music beginning at 6:00 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the blacksmith shop. See website for details at <a href="https://www.jerusalemmill.org">www.jerusalemmill.org</a>. Call: 410-877-3560. Cost: \$5/person, children under 12 admitted free.
  - **25** National Public Lands Day: Trail Work Day Location TBA upon registration; 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Come ready to work and assist park staff as we clean and repair sections of our trails. Please dress appropriately wearing long pants, comfortable boots, and work gloves. This is a shine only event. *Pre-registration is required. Call to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather.*

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shoes will make your experience much smoother and more enjoyable. Also, throw the watch out (or just leave it in the car). Running trails, especially hilly ones, will cause you to slow down compared to running on flat pavement. Trails are softer so they give more, and taking some of the trickier terrain too fast is a recipe for disaster. Finally, enjoy yourself! Don't just put your head down and get through it; this isn't the gym, remember? Plus, you don't want to run into a tree! Soak in your surroundings – the sounds, the smells, the sights, and the freeing feeling of running in the woods.

Everyone can get something out of it, from the hardcore runners who log tens of miles a day, to those who enjoy running for fitness a few times a week, and even those who just want to get some aerobic exercise in a different way than usual. Now that the weather is warming up, instead of doing the same old routine, head on over to the park and try running on a trail. I'll see you out there!



### Coming to Gunpowder this year!

For more information, visit www.dnr.state.md.us/parkquest



# 2010 Torrey C. Brown Trail Photo Contest!

Take your camera with you next time you go for a hike on the Torrey C. Brown trail and enter your photographs into our annual Trail Photo Contest!

For a complete list of rules, please stop in the Monkton Station starting May 1, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. So get outside and get started capturing more great TCB Trail scenes!



#### **Junior Rangers**

The Junior Rangers program returns for the summer of 2010! Kids from 9-12 years old are invited to get outside, explore the park, discover nature, and learn about the environment through hands-on activities. We are offering four different locations this year, so no matter where you are there is a session convenient for you. Sign up soon because space is limited and you don't want to miss out on all the fun!

#### Areas & Times

North Point: June 23 - July 28 Wednesdays, 1:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Hammerman: June 24 - July 29 Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Days Cove: June 22 - July 27 Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sparks: June 23 - July 28 Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### **Park Pals**

Young children ages 5 –8 can join in the fun too! Park Pals are introduced to the outdoors through games, crafts and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in the same topics as Junior Rangers, but with a more hands-on approach that's tailored to early childhood. It's perfect for the younger brothers and sisters of Junior Rangers!

#### Areas & Times

Hammerman: June 24 - July 29 Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Days Cove: June 22 - July 27 Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Sprouts**

Younger children ages 2 –4 and their parents can join in the fun also! Sprouts will be introduced to the outdoors through crafts, stories and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in hands-on activities that enhance early childhood development. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### Areas & Times

Hammerman: June 24 - July 29 Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Days Cove: June 22 - July 27 Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

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#### ☆ One Week Day Camp

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Week of August 2 −6; 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at Days Cove

**Cost:** \$25 per child for Junior Rangers or Park Pals and \$15 for Sprouts. Take advantage of our great family rate! \$10 for each additional child from the same family!

**Requirements:** Children must attend four out of six sessions and complete required activities to earn their patch. Please plan family vacations and other activities accordingly.

**Registration:** To register, call 410-592-2897. Registration is limited to 20 children per Junior Ranger session, 15 per Park Pal and 10 per Sprout session. Early registration is recommended.

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		Park Hours
Park Heado	quarters:	Open year-round, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m 4 p.m. Closed on state holidays
Jerusalem I	Mill Museum:	Open weekends year-round, 1 p.m 4 p.m. Available other times by appointment
Blacksmith Gun Shop a	Shop & at Jerusalem Mill:	Open Sundays, 1 p.m 4 p.m.
Monkton T	rain Station:	Open weekends only in May, and September 9 a.m4:30 p.m. Hours from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day: Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m 4:30 p.m.
Sparks Ban	k Nature Center:	Open summer weekends and by appointment. Call 410-592-2897 for hours.
North Point	t Day Use Area:	Open year-round, 8 a.m Sunset
North Point	t Visitor Center:	Hours from Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m 4 p.m.
Hammerma	an Day Use Area:	April - October 8:00 a.m Sunset November - March 10:00 a.m Sunset
Hammerma	an Beach:	Lifeguards on duty from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m 5 p.m. Beach unguarded at other times. Lifeguard hours subject to change. Call (410) 335-3461 to confirm.
Dundee Creek Ma	eek Marina Store:	April Hours: Call (410) 335-3461 for hours.  May Hours: Monday - Friday, 6 a.m 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 6 a.m 7 p.m.
		Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day, open daily from 6 a.m 7 p.m. After Labor Day: Call (410) 335-3461 for hours.
Dundee Cre Launching		March 1 - November 30 6:00 a.m Sunset
Trails in the	e undeveloped park :	Sunrise to sunset
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#### DIRECTIONS TO PARK AREAS:

Note: Gunpowder property spans from the Pennsylvania line to the Chesapeake Bay. Use Internet mapping programs with caution, as no one street address can provide proper directions to the entire park. For help with directions, call the park at 410-592-2897.

**HAMMERMAN** (Chase, Maryland) - From I-95 take exit 67A for Route 43 east (White Marsh Boulevard). Follow 43 to Route 40 east. After turning onto Rt. 40, turn right at the first light onto Ebenezer Road and follow it for 4.5 miles. The park entrance will be on your left.

MONKTON STATION (Monkton, Maryland) - From I-83 N, take exit 27 and turn right on Mt. Carmel Road. Turn right on York Road and make a quick left onto Monkton Road. Go about 4 miles, where the road crosses the TCB (formerly NCR) Trail. Monkton Station will be on your left. Limited parking. Call the park or see the website for parking options on the TCB.

JERUSALEM MILL (Park Headquarters in Kingsville, Maryland) - From I-95 take exit 74 for Route 152 West (Mountain Road). Follow Mountain Road toward Fallston and after about 2 miles, turn left onto Jerusalem Road (it's the first left after Singer Road). Jerusalem Mill will be on your left after 1.1 miles. Parking is in the lot on the right, just before the mill.

**NORTH POINT STATE PARK (Edgemere, Maryland)**Coming from the Towson or Essex area on the Inner Loop of

I-695, take exit 42 (Edgemere - Fort Howard). Follow Route 20 south (North Point Road) through the town of Edgemere. The entrance to the park will be on your left after 2 miles. Coming from the Key Bridge or Glen Burnie area on the Outer Loop of I-695, take exit 43. Follow signs to Route 20 south.

SPARKS BANK NATURE CENTER (Sparks, Maryland)- From I-83N take exit 24 (Belfast Road). Turn right onto Belfast Road. Turn right onto York Road (Route 45). Take your second left onto Sparks Road. Follow it until it crosses the TCB (formerly NCR) Trail. Sparks Bank Nature Center will be on your right. Limited parking.

Need to Report an Emergency or Crime in the Park?

Call Park Watch at 1-800-825-PARK (7275) This 24-hour DNR Communications line is there to help.



## Civic Justice Corps Returns for the Summer!

CJC is returning for the third year! As part of Maryland's Partnership For Children In Nature, this six-week employment program provides conservation service opportunities for Baltimore City youth. You may see youth involved in projects including trail improvement and construction, gardening, tree planting and other park maintenance tasks. Not only does this program benefit the parks and the natural resources we strive to protect, but it gives these youth a unique opportunity to deepen their appreciation of and connection to the natural world.

## Want to See More on the Web? Interested in Volunteering?

Check these out!

Visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website to obtain information about parks, upcoming events around the State, regulations, educational programs, and so much more! Our website address is: www.dnr.state.md.us

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill is a group which took the lead in the restoration of the 18th-century mill which now serves as park headquarters, and houses a Visitor Center and Museum. The Friends are currently working closely with DNR and Gunpowder Falls State Park to restore additional, recently acquired, properties which were also part of the historic Jerusalem Village. Information about their activities can be found at:

#### www.jerusalemmill.org

The North Point Volunteer Association is a dynamic force at North Point State Park, managed as part of Gunpowder Falls State Park. They sponsor numerous activities throughout the year. Their volunteers have restored and continue to maintain the fountain that was a centerpiece of the old Bayshore Park. Follow their activities, and see how to get involved, at:

www.northpointstatepark.net

#### **Gunpowder Currents Newsletter**

#### **Gunpowder Falls State Park**

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#### **SERVICE CHARGES**

Access to most areas of Gunpowder is free. There is a \$3 per person service charge for entrance into the Hammerman area. This service charge is in effect every day during the summer season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) and weekends in the spring and fall. Buses - \$10 for reservations. For bus or youth group pass information, call 410-592-2897. Children in car seats, and patrons over age 62, are free. A \$3 per car honor system is in effect on weekdays in the spring and fall. At North Point State Park, a \$3 per car service charge is in effect year round.

All Season Passes for 2010 are available for \$75, and can be obtained at the Hammerman and North Point areas.

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted in Gunpowder Falls State Park. The only exception is a reserved shelter when a \$35 alcohol permit is purchased. Call 888-432-CAMP or visit our website for more information.

#### **PETS**

New this year! MPS Pet Policy is changing! Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897 or checkout

www.dnr.state.md.us for more information.

#### **PAVILIONS**

Gunpowder has four picnic pavilions in the Hammerman area. These may be reserved in advance. For year round reservations call 1-888-432-CAMP or go to

**www.dnr.state.md.us** The service charge is \$200 for pavilion use, in addition to the \$3 per person service charge for entrance.

The North Point Trolley Station is a larger pavilion, which is available for rental and seats up to 400 people. The service charge varies depending upon the number of people using the facility.

#### **BOATING**

Dundee Creek Marina provides access to the northern Chesapeake Bay. Rental boats, gas, and a full line of boating accessories are available at the marina. The service charge for launching is \$10 per launch.

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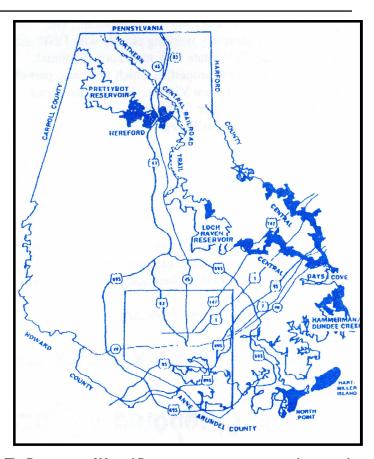
#### OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Overnight camping is available at Camp Wood and Camp Cone for organized youth groups. Reservations required. Call 410-592-2897 for youth group camping. \*\*Naturalist programs for youth groups available upon request.\*\*

Primitive campsites at Hart-Miller Island, accessible by private boat only, May 1 - Sept. 30. First come, first served. Service charge: \$6/site/night. Limit of 6 people per site.

### NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897. Additional park regulations are posted on bulletin boards.



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